

REMARKS

In the above-referenced Office Action, the Examiner divided the claims into the following species:

- a. Species 1: Claims 1-10, 31-40, 50-51, and 82-87.
- b. Species 2: Claims 11-18, 19-24, 60-64, 77-81, and 88-90.
- c. Species 3: Claims 25-30 and 95-97.
- d. Species 4: Claims 52-59 and 98-101.
- e. Species 5: Claims 69-71.

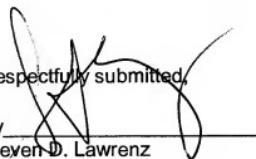
In response to the election requirement, applicant hereby elects Species 1 covered by claims 1-10, 31-40, 50-51, and 82-87.

Applicant's election is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to not more than a reasonable number of species in addition to the elected species, provided that all claims to each additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.146.

An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 248588002US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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